



## **WINTER 2016 YSEALI** **ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP**



### Program Description and Themes:

The YSEALI Academic Fellowships are intensive short term academic Institutes whose purpose is to provide groups of young leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States and a particular theme, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The Fellowship focuses on one of three themes: Civic Engagement, Environmental Issues, and Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, and the five-week Institutes will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. **Winter Fellowship themes are Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development.** The coursework and classroom activities will be complemented by educational travel, site visits, leadership activities, and volunteer opportunities within the local community. The Institutes will include an academic residency component of approximately four weeks and a domestic study tour of approximately one week. During the academic residency, participants will also have the opportunity to engage in educational and cultural activities outside of the classroom.

The **YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Civic Engagement** will provide Fellows with an overview of how citizens have shaped U.S. history, government, and society both as individuals and groups. The Institute will define civic engagement, examine its development in the U.S., and explore topics such as citizenship, community building, economic development, grassroots activism, political leadership, and volunteerism. Other topics such as civil rights, entrepreneurship, ethics, leadership, and media will be discussed. Fellows will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom to meet with community leaders, entrepreneurs, and representatives of non-profit organizations. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational study tour where they will meet with local, state, private, and not-for-profit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a visit to Washington, D.C. The winter hosts will be Kennesaw State University in Georgia (from February 1 – March 7) and Arizona State University (from February 22 – March 25).

The **YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development** will provide Fellows with an overview of entrepreneurial approaches that are employed to address social issues. The Institute will review the development, history, challenges, and successes of social enterprises and community leaders, in the United States and globally. Topics may include, but are not limited to, trade; investment; financial literacy; banking; microfinance; organizational development and management; grant writing; innovation; emerging markets and risk analysis; strategic business planning; corporate social responsibility; and, women and minorities in entrepreneurship. Students will also have the opportunity to leave the classroom

to meet with community leaders, entrepreneurs, and representatives of nonprofit organizations. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational study tour where Fellows will meet with local, state, private, and nonprofit organizations working in the field. The Institute will then conclude with a 3 day program in Washington, DC. The winter hosts will be Arizona State University (from February 22 – March 25) and the University of Connecticut (from March 5 – April 8).

Candidates nominated for this program must be:

- Between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of application;
- Able to travel within the program duration;
- A full-time undergraduate student from college, university, or other institutions of higher learning; or have graduated in the past four years;
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English;
- Demonstrate interest, knowledge, or professional experience in Civic Engagement, Environmental Issues, or Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development;
- Demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university, place of work, and/or community;
- Demonstrate a commitment or interest in community service, volunteerism, or mentorship;
- Indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States and ASEAN as a region;
- Be willing to actively participate in an intensive academic program, community service, and study tour;
- Have a commitment to return to their home country to apply leadership skills and training to benefit their community, country, or the ASEAN region; and
- Preferably have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States.

Please complete the form attached and submit to **Alumni Coordinator** at [AhmadI2@state.gov](mailto:AhmadI2@state.gov) before **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**



## Application Form



<b>Full Name (As it appears in passport):</b>	<b>Sex:</b>
<b>Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):</b>	<b>Birth City:</b> <b>Birth Country:</b> <b>Citizenship:</b> <b>Country of Residence:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Code:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b> <b>Mobile Number:</b> <b>Home Number:</b>
<b>Emergency Contact Details:</b>	
Name: Relationship: Contact Number: Email Address:	

*Medical, Physical, Dietary, or Other Personal Considerations:*

*Please describe any pre-existing medical conditions, including any prescription medication you may be taking, allergies, or other dietary or personal consideration. This will not affect your selection, but will enable the host institute to make any necessary accommodations.*

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**Academic background and community involvement:**

<b>Educational Institute:</b>	<b>Major:</b>
<b>Semesters Completed in School:</b>	<b>Semesters left in School Upon Completion of Academic Fellowship:</b>
<b>Memberships in Associations, Clubs, Etc. (Please include dates):</b>	
<b>Work and Volunteer Experience (Please include dates):</b>	

*If currently working, fill in the table below:*

<b>Designation and Place of Work:</b>	<b>Major:</b>
<b>Number of Years since Graduation:</b>	<b>Number of Years of Professional Experience:</b>

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**Previous Experience in the United States:**

From	To	Purpose

**Family Residing in the United States:**

*Note: This will not affect your application*

**Do you have close family residing in the U.S.?**      ☐ Yes   ☐ No

*If yes, please fill out the following section; if no, write "None"*

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**Evidence of English Fluency:**

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**Please indicate which program you are interested in? (You may choose more than one)**

☐ YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Civic Engagement

☐ YSEALI Academic Fellowship on Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

**Personal Statement:**

*Tell us about yourself and your goals including the following: Your background and/ or interests that make you competitive for this particular program (please be as specific as possible). What will you contribute to the group? How do you expect this experience to affect your future academic and professional career? How will it affect you personally? Please structure your essay in paragraphs and limit your response to 250 words, or approximately half a page, single spaced.*

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\* For further information, please contact the **Alumni Coordinator** at 238-4616 ext. 2163 or email at [AhmadI2@state.gov](mailto:AhmadI2@state.gov)